



### Alpha Course

Please pray for the Alpha meetings starting **Monday January 20th** which will run for 10 weeks. The introduction to the course will be a buffet in the Bieldside Inn. Following this, the format will be pudding and coffee in the Rectory from 7.30pm followed by a DVD talk and discussion and questions afterwards. A prayer card is available and invitations too. Please take one for your friends.

### The Nature of God

Until the middle of March the sermons will be exploring different dimensions of the nature of God. Notes and questions will be available for personal and group use. Growing in our understanding of God (and clearing up misunderstandings too!) will lead us into lives of greater trust in a God who cares for us, confidence in a God who leads us in mission and Christ-likeness as we obey his calling on our lives. Service cards available at back of Church.

### Accommodation required

My colleague from work, who lives in Aberlour with his family, is looking to stay two nights a week in Aberdeen. Preferably Tuesdays and Thursdays. Would anyone be interested in renting a room for £100-£140. He's a lively Newcastle therapist chap! Ina Watson.

### Invitation to Diocesan Service

The Bishop Rt Rev Dr Robert Gillies, with The Cathedral Chapter and Congregation of The Cathedral Church of St. Andrew Invite you to a Diocesan Service to mark the centenary of The Cathedral Church of St. Andrew, Aberdeen. (1914-2014). To be held at the Cathedral, 28 King Street, The Feast of The Conversion of Paul Saturday 25th January at 3.00pm.

### Flower Rota

Please let Midge Harbottle know if you would be able to arrange the flowers on any of the dates below: **9th & 23rd Feb, 22nd June, 13th July & 20th July, 12th October.**



**19th January 2014**

**Morning Worship**

**Our God of Surprises**

Lord, as you called the disciples,  
open our ears to your calling, open our eyes to  
your presence, open our hearts to your love,  
that we may love you, and hearing you may  
love you, and loving you may serve you, whom  
to serve is perfect freedom; through Jesus  
Christ, the lamb of God. **Amen.**

### Prayer Points

Please pray for:

1. Stephen, Helen, Jonathan and Anna Goodyear, Ken and Jessica Gordon and Meyrick, Mary, Andrew and Paul Hadfield.
2. Alpha starting on January 20th.
3. Anne Tree and Alison Van der Schier to recover.
4. Our youth and children's work.

**Rotas.** New rotas for the next few months are on the web site and are available at the back of the Church.

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<sup>22</sup> Paul then stood up in the meeting of the Areopagus and said: ‘Men of Athens! I see that in every way you are very religious. <sup>23</sup> For as I walked around and looked carefully at your objects of worship, I even found an altar with this inscription: TO AN UNKNOWN GOD. Now what you worship as something unknown I am going to proclaim to you.

<sup>24</sup> ‘The God who made the world and everything in it is the Lord of heaven and earth and does not live in temples built by hands. <sup>25</sup> And he is not served by human hands, as if he needs anything, because he himself gives all men life and breath and everything else. <sup>26</sup> From one man he made every nation of men, that they should inhabit the whole earth; and he determined the times set for them and the exact places where they should live. <sup>27</sup> God did this so that men would seek him and perhaps reach out for him and find him, though he is not far from each one of us. <sup>28</sup> “For in him we live and move and have our being.” As some of your own poets have said, “We are his offspring.” <sup>29</sup> ‘Therefore since we are God’s offspring, we should not think that the divine being is like gold or silver or stone - an image made by man’s design and skill. <sup>30</sup> In the past God overlooked such ignorance, but now he commands all people everywhere to repent. <sup>31</sup> For he has set a day when he will judge the world with justice by the man he has appointed. He has given proof of this to all men by raising him from the dead.’

### Jesus the Lamb of God

<sup>29</sup> The next day John saw Jesus coming towards him and said, ‘Look, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!

<sup>30</sup> This is the one I meant when I said, “A man who comes after me has surpassed me because he was before me.” <sup>31</sup> I myself did not know him, but the reason I came baptising with water was that he might be revealed to Israel.’

<sup>32</sup> Then John gave this testimony: ‘I saw the Spirit come down from heaven as a dove and remain on him. <sup>33</sup> I would not have known him, except that the one who sent me to baptise with water told me, “The man on whom you see the Spirit come down and remain is he who will baptise with the Holy Spirit.”

<sup>34</sup> I have seen and I testify that this is the Son of God.’

### Jesus’ First Disciples

<sup>35</sup> The next day John was there again with two of his disciples.

<sup>36</sup> When he saw Jesus passing by, he said, ‘Look, the Lamb of God!’

<sup>37</sup> When the two disciples heard him say this, they followed Jesus. <sup>38</sup> Turning round, Jesus saw them following and asked, ‘What do you want?’

They said, ‘Rabbi’ (which means ‘Teacher’), ‘where are you staying?’

<sup>39</sup> ‘Come,’ he replied, ‘and you will see.’

So they went and saw where he was staying, and spent that day with him. It was about the tenth hour.

<sup>40</sup> Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother, was one of the two who heard what John had said and who had followed Jesus. <sup>41</sup> The first thing Andrew did was to find his brother Simon and tell him, ‘We have found the Messiah’ (that is, the Christ). <sup>42</sup> And he brought him to Jesus.

Jesus looked at him and said, ‘You are Simon son of John. You will be called Cephas’ (which, when translated, is Peter).